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ARRIVED at the close of the ninth volume, we had come to the resolution to discontinue our labours, and had explicitly announced our motives for adopting this resolution : because the work had not been sufficiently encouraged, so as to indemnify the expenses of publication. Profit is not our object ; but in our endeavour to serve the public, and support the credit of A FREE PRESS, we are unwilling to encounter a loss.

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We shall make no other professions, than to declare our resolutions to continue to persevere in the line which we have hitherto adopted, with increasing energy : being convinced, by every day's additional experience, of the propriety of the line of politics we have adopted ; and that the safety of the state, and the happiness of the people, depend on a vigorous opposition to civil and religious intolerance. If unsupported, we shall retire from the unavailing contest, with a consciousness of having deserved well of our country, for the purity of our motives, and with a firm resolution to maintain our principles unchanged.